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TO:

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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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RE:

N.K.A., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

(consolidated with N.S.A., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al)

United States District Court Case No. CV 13-05507

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of September 1, 2015.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled N.K.A., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. CV 13-05507 in the amount of \$4.7 million, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

N.K.A., et al v. County of Los Angeles

CASE NUMBER

CV 13-05507

COURT

United States District Court

DATE FILED

9/12/2013

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

4.7 million

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NATURE OF CASE

This case is based upon claims against the County and one of its Deputies under State and federal law resulting from the shooting death of Rigoberto Arceo. The Plaintiffs are decedent Arceo's four children, mother, father, and sister.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$4.7 million inclusive of all Plaintiffs and attorneys' fees is

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recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 151,711

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 184,560